

CLAXTON TO HEAD CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION HERE

All Matters Pertaining to School Efficiency To Be Discussed at Chisca Meeting Saturday.

A citizens conference on education will be held at the Hotel Chisca, all day Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a. m. Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education has charge of the meeting.

Local educators are strongly backing Saturday's conference believing that it is to be one of the most important educational conferences ever held in Memphis. The meeting Saturday is one of a series of regional conferences conducted by Dr. Claxton in strategic centers throughout the country. The Memphis conference will cover the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Subjects to be discussed include school legislation to be presented to the legislatures of the several states next year, sources of income for support of schools, and the means of continuing to foster school interest among the people at large.

In speaking of the Memphis meeting to be held Saturday Dr. Claxton stated: "As business men, and men of influence in their cities, members of chambers of commerce and board of trade are interested in everything pertaining to increase in the industries and business and the wealth and welfare of their communities. Fundamental to all of these is education of the people and the proper support and improvement of schools and other agencies of education. In these members of commercial organizations are, therefore, primarily interested. Among the subjects to be discussed at this conference will be the needs of city schools, their more adequate support, sources of school revenues, extension of the work of the schools in directions made necessary by new demands of business and society, the problems of building and equipping, and such organizations of the work of the schools as may be necessary for greater efficiency and for economy in the use of funds."

Dr. Claxton will conduct the conferences in the morning, afternoon and evening of Dec. 11. The evening session starting at 8 o'clock will be in the form of a popular mass meeting and the public is invited to attend.

ORPHANS GIVEN BIG TREAT AT LYCEUM

Special Show Enjoyed by 350 Tots.

Three hundred and fifty orphans, inmates of local institutions, were the guests of Loew's Lyceum theater Friday morning when a special Christmas movie show was staged for their benefit. The kiddies, conveyed to and from the theater in special street cars through the co-operation of the Memphis Street Railway company saw two reels rushed here from New Orleans by the Goldwyn company, "Edgar's Jonah Day," of interest to children, two more reels donated by the Consolidated Film company of this city, and also several Bray comedies and other films. No charge of any kind for the performance was made.

Immediately after the conclusion of their show the kiddies, as they left the theater, were greeted personally by Santa Claus, who made a trip from Goldsmith's store for this purpose. Santa passed out to each child a stick of candy donated by the Shelby Candy company, and fruit given by D. Canale & Co.

Credit for the performance is due Manager Morrison of the Lyceum. The orchestra, under the leadership of Ike Kahn, donated its services and every employee of the theater, and particularly M. S. Storier, the movie operator, were in their places.

CHURCH CONFERENCE OF NEGROES OPEN

The Memphis-Jackson annual conference of the colored Methodist Episcopal church is in session at Greenwood church, on South Bellevue boulevard. This is the largest church gathering of Negroes in West Tennessee. The conference is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the birth of the denomination. Fifty thousand dollars is expected to be collected this week for the cause of missions and education in this conference. More than \$60,000 already has been collected in this district for this purpose this year.

Bishop N. C. Cleaves, D.D., of St. Louis, is the presiding episcopate. Bishop Isaac Lane, also is present. The conference officer says: Secretary, Rev. A. L. Kimbrough; recording secretary, Rev. J. H. Hudson; statistical secretary, Rev. A. N. Stevens, and H. G. Killbrew.

Tennessee Woman Dies At Dallas

The body of Mrs. Ruth Yandell Wright, wife of A. J. Wright, Dallas, Tex., passed through the city Friday to Humboldt where funeral services will be held Saturday. Burial will be in Rose Hill cemetery. Mrs. Wright died at St. Paul's sanitarium Wednesday. Besides her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Alice Yandell, of Humboldt, and the following brothers and sisters: Miss Wilkins Yandell, Mrs. George Craddock and Mrs. Bessie of Humboldt; Marshall Yandell, of Rose; Yandell and Miss Lucille Yandell, of Memphis.

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Mrs. Hill Buried In Forest Hill

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura A. Hill, 50, who died at her home on Gage avenue Thursday night, were held at the Pepper Memorial church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in Forest Hill cemetery. Rev. O. G. Anderson officiated. Mrs. Hill has been ill for some time. She is survived by her husband, J. R. Hill; one son, Marvin Hill, and six daughters, Mrs. Lucy Guy, Mrs. Beale Bevell, and the Misses Beale, Dovie and Junia Hill.

Operatic Baritone Will Sing Here With Creatore Company



GREEK EVANS.

Greek Evans, the wonderful baritone, who made such a decided success when here with the Creatore Grand Opera company two years ago, and with Scott last season, has been billed for a special engagement at the Lyric next week, when four operas will be given under the auspices of Cortese Bros. Evans will assume the role of "The King of Ethiopia" in "Aida" Monday night and "Escamillo," the torador, in "Carmen."

Many who heard him when he was here before say that he was the greatest operatic baritone who ever sang in Memphis. A fine ballet will be here with the Creatore company also, and an orchestra as only Creators can assemble. Several rows of seats will be removed to accommodate the 35 musicians. Tickets are on sale at the O. K. Houck Piano company.

FURNITURE TO DROP.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Promise of lower furniture prices was made by the National Council of Furniture associations in a statement issued at the close of a meeting held here. The association said the manufacturers had determined at once to give "credit" to children, two more reels donated by the Consolidated Film company of this city, and also several Bray comedies and other films. No charge of any kind for the performance was made.

FIGHT WAGE REDUCTION.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 10.—A campaign against reduction of wages and lengthening of working hours was begun by Central Labor union, the labor governing board of Toledo. A report was made at the meeting that men had been laid off and then given an opportunity to return under reduced wages. One instance was reported in which an attempt of a foundry to extend the working day to nine hours instead of eight resulted in a walkout.

Poll Tax Payments Slow; Garnishment Proceedings Jan. 1

The 1920 poll taxes became delinquent Dec. 1, and since that time collections have been very slow, according to Jerome Richards, county poll tax assessor and collector. He declares that he intends beginning the first of the new year with garnishment proceedings against all persons who have not paid their poll taxes.

"I appreciate fully that times are hard and money is scarce, but the payment of poll taxes is a duty that every man owes to his state. The money derived from poll taxes goes to the support of our schools and is a very small sum for each man to pay for so great a privilege. The city and county schools need more funds now than they formerly did and for this reason alone every one should pay promptly."

The only penalty that has so far been added to the poll taxes is 35 cents, but if garnishment is resorted to several dollars additional is added.

LEADERS CONFERENCE.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for vice-president at the recent election, conferred with Gov. Cox at the executive office for several hours. It was their first meeting since the election. Mr. Roosevelt said his call on the governor was without significance.

TRAVEL TO U. S. PARKS ESTABLISHES RECORD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Travel to the great national parks and monuments this year reached an unprecedented total, Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service, said in his annual report. "Slowly the country is finding out," he said, "that America has scenery that not only is comparable to the best elsewhere, but far surpasses in scope and character what foreign countries can offer."

While making no specific recommendation, the director expressed the hope that congress would see its way clear to appropriate the necessary funds to purchase the Mammoth cave, in Kentucky, and to provide for its full development as a national park.

LECTURER TALKS TO CREDIT MEN

Mrs. Harriet Luella McCollum, now lecturing at the Goodwyn institute on applied psychology, briefly addressed members of the Retail Credit Men's association at their luncheon at the Hotel Gayoso Thursday.

Her subject was "Psychology as a Business Asset." Her remarks were attended with great interest by those at the luncheon.

Mrs. H. F. Benner sang a solo, which was warmly received. The speaker and singer were tendered a rising vote of thanks, at the request of President F. O. Wagner, of the organization.

Noted Composer To Discuss Music In Memphis Monday

Through the enterprise of E. R. Barrow, chairman of the music committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Arthur Finley Nevin, composer of songs and piano and orchestral scores and two operas, will

visit Memphis Sunday and Monday. He will confer with music lovers in regard to the establishment of community singing here in the office of J. T. Williamson, chairman of the park commission, Monday morning. Sunday, Mr. Nevin will partake of Mr. Barrow's hospitality and will be an interested spectator of the sacred concerts at Goodwyn institute.

Mr. Nevin resembles his famous brother, the late Ethelbert Nevin, very much. He is the author of the

much discussed Indian opera, "Poin," which was produced at the Royal Opera in Berlin in 1910 before Kaiser Wilhelm. It was the only opera by an American composer ever produced in Berlin. A one-act opera, "A Daughter of the Gods," was produced by the Chicago Opera association in 1918. He was professor of music in the University of Kansas and also had charge of the music at Camp Grant, Ill., during the world war.

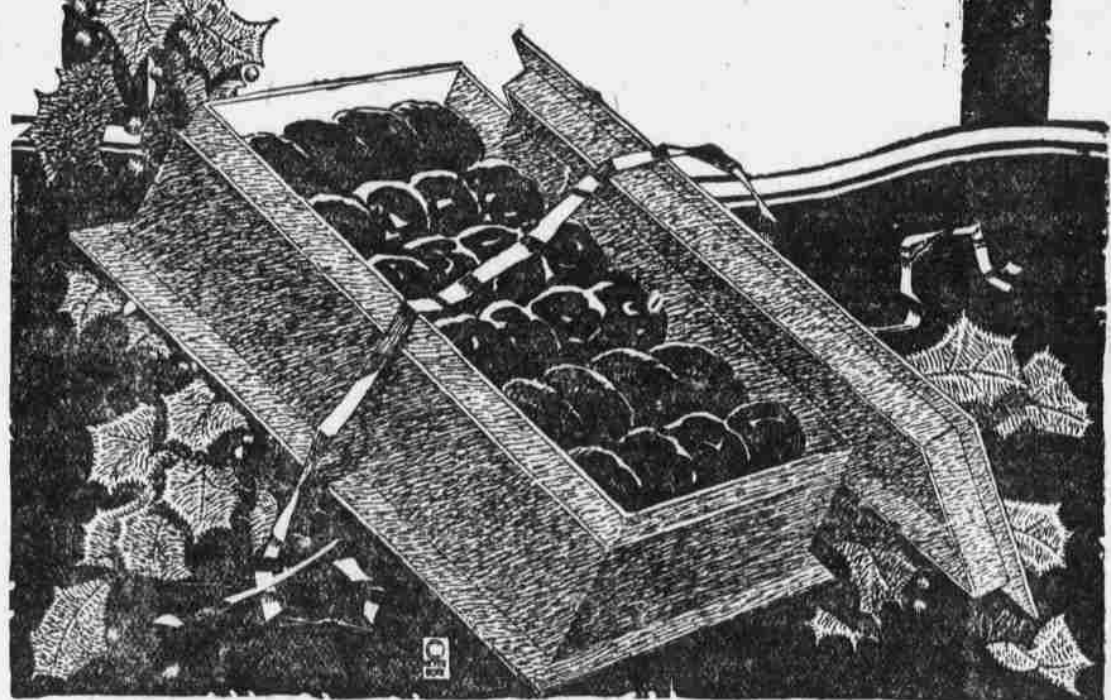
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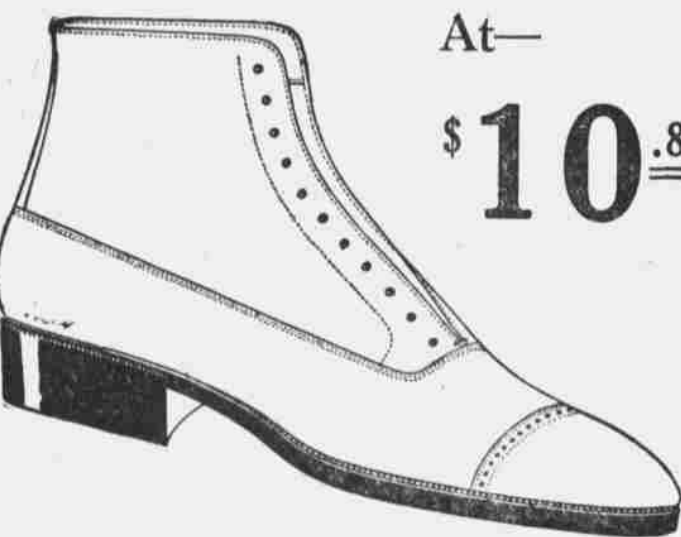
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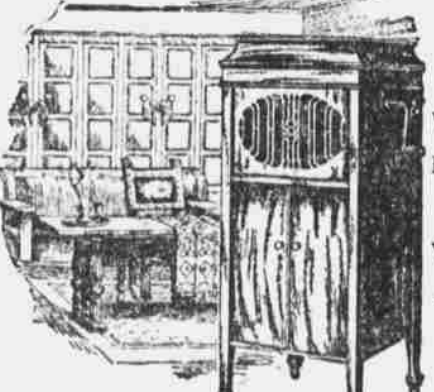
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